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MEMORANDUM FOR: CSB/X/NE

SUBJECT : George W. HODIW, American Student at  
University of Cairo

1. George W. HODIW, an American citizen, who is studying medicine at the University of Cairo since 1966, during a recent visit in the United States, was in contact with a source of project AERODYNAMIC and volunteered the following information about acquaintances among members of the Soviet colony in Cairo:

a. Yuriy KYRYCHENKO, employee of the Soviet mission, born about 1927, a Ukrainian by nationality, is an economics graduate from the University of Kiev. He is married to the daughter of Marshall Grechko. KYRYCHENKO at one time held a post in the Ukrainian Government. By nature rather shy, KYRYCHENKO has strong feelings about his Ukrainian nationality. Following their initial introduction KYRYCHENKO asked HODIW about his visit to the Ukraine. HODIW told him that when he visited the Soviet Union for 10 days in 1966 he liked Lvov, but that he was disappointed to find Kiev so Russified. KYRYCHENKO agreed that Kiev was Russified, and said that there were more Russians in Kiev than Ukrainians. KYRYCHENKO indicated an acquaintanceship with SVOBODA, a Ukrainian emigre publication and

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expressed an interest in Ukrainian emigre affairs, but he suddenly discontinued the conversation along this line when his wife joined them.

b. Yuriy KOVALENKO, born about 1946, works as a translator on a fishing trawler. He is from Chernigov, a graduate of the University of Kiev, where he studied English. HODIW met KOVALENKO in Alexandria in February 1969. KOVALENKO is 5 feet six inches tall, a blond with blue eyes. He has an outgoing personality and is quite aggressive in his conversations. KOVALENKO seemed well informed about the dissident movement in the Ukraine and asserted that there was a Russification movement in the Ukraine, particularly in the school system.

c. (FNU) YUDIN, manager of the ODION theater in Cairo. HODIW stated that he and YUDIN meet at the theater frequently, where they discuss political topics. YUDIN asked HODIW to obtain for him a book which he said was written by Allen Dulles, in which Dulles speaks of the Soviet intelligence organization as the finest in the world. YUDIN said that PENKOVSKY was a traitor, bought by the Americans, and that his book was written by the CIA.

d. Nazar LEBED, an engineer from Leningrad, is a Ukrainian. HODIW said that LEBED was in contact with a Tanya MYCHAYLYSHYN of Baltimore. The details of this contact are not known.

2. This office has no operational relationship with HODIW, although contact with him could be established via project AERODYNAMIC assets, who are in letter contact with him. There were no RI traces on HODIW in RI files on 23 October 1969.

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